

Fine Land, in Tracts of 40 Acres or More

The top soil is a black sandy loam. The underlying soil is lighter, mixed with sand and a kind of silt, composed of vegetable matter. The soil is good, produces corn abundantly, all the grasses, and will grow alfalfa well. The growing of alfalfa has been demonstrated on land of the same character, and in the same vicinity for a number of years. It will grow four or five crops of alfalfa, that is from a ton to two tons per acre, which will not the owner not less than \$10.00 per ton and possibly \$15.00 per ton, and is always salable. Any purchaser may buy 40 acres or more of this land by applying to Merrill Pipkin, and agreeing to pay \$30,00 per acre. At the time of the purchase 10 per cent must be paid, and the remainder of the purchase money must be paid within ten years. The division of the balance of the purchase price being equally for each year, until the ich years expire. Interest 5 per cent on notes given for the balance of the purchase money, secured by first mortgage on the land. There is a drainage tax of \$10.00 per acre, payable in 20 years, which will be 50c per acre annually. The school, county and state taxes

The Frisco railroad runs within a half mile of the East line of the section, and the station most available is Tallipoosa. Good water, clear as crystal, can be gotten by driving a pump from fifteen to twenty-five feet, which can be done in a half day. The building places are good and a house such as would be wanted by a settler should not cost more than from \$400.00 to \$600.00. Lumber and other building materials are near and cheap.

There are no mosquitos, and health is as good as anywhere else. It is but a few miles to Parma, a good town, where health is as good as in the hills. Taking it all in all this is a most excellent opportunity for men of limited means to get a home; and the land when open to clutivation will be worth not less than \$75.00 per acre. It will produce \$50.00 bushels of corn to the acre, oats, timothy, wheat, cow peas, etc., and alfalfa as already described.

The timber on the land with careful handling will pay the greater part of the cost of clearing, and consists of gum, ash, sycamore, elm, and other swamp growths.

This section lies between two dredge ditches, running paralell with the West and the East lines of the section. These ditches are to be redredged this coming summer, which will give the section excellent drainage, which will fit it well for alfalfa.

There will be also steel bridges built across these dredge ditches every two miles. Public roads have been laid out and platted for opening, which will pass over such bridges. The dirt thrown from these ditches at a depth of not less than eight feet and to twelve feet show the character of the sail.

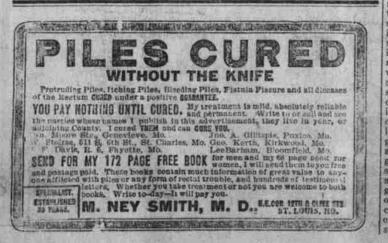
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Daily Thought. If we find but one to whom we can speak out our hearts freely, with whom we can walk in love and simplicity without dissimulation, we have no ground for quarrels with the world or God-Stevenson,

Learning to Do One's Duty. Make it a point to do something ev-This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.-Mark Twain.



ON GETTING RICH (Continued from 1st Page.)

agement. He is irritated by unfair ness, nepotism, inefficiency, incompa-tency, and the therefore mulcting of small stockholders who are not in as favorable a position to stand it as he

There is nothing in the world that is so stimulating to us as to discover a prize fighter who cares more for the rules of the game than the prize. the rules of the game than the prize. To us it smacks of a high order of intelligence, for we cannot see that the prise—the goal—is worth much, but a fight to preserve one's instincts for that which is fair and abstractly right—to possess one's soul, in short, is to realize in a measure what life is about. We have never been able to see the difference between a hundred dollars a month and a hundred thousand a month, for if it comes down to brass tacks, we'd a whole lot rather brass tacks, we'd a whole lot rather be an insignificant little parasite than a creature covered with parasites. To spend one's life in struggling to hold on to that to which one was never in one's heart entitled, seems to us a rather futile and extravagant method of disposing of one's time on

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Mr. Holmes' pamphlets, however, were very illuminating to us in some respects. We learned how men get rich, although we could not get from them the slightest hint, as to why they do, which we have explained, is really what we are after.

The St. Joseph Lead Company was formed some fifty-four years ago by three gentlemen by the names of Wyman Jones, C. B. Parsons and F. P. Graves. These were men of creative ability, natural honesty and only sanely ambitious, which is to say, that they realized that in attempting to get something for nothing, one genthey realized that in attempting to get something for nothing, one generally gets nothing for something. They built the St. Joseph Lend Compay step by step, which is the only way one can build a pyramid, or one's own character, and must have had great satisfaction in doing the work and in feeling that it was built solidly, and that they had left a little monument of their steadfastness and ability and honesty.

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Of course they died, or all except Mr. Graves did, and then the St. Joseph Lead Company passed into the hands of the heirs. Mr. R. S. Parsons became General Manager of the property, succeeding his father, and Mr. Dwight Jones of New York became president. Instead of lead and minuter man they were financiers. They president. Instead of lead and min-ing men they were financiers. They paid large dividends. They bought land at 3670,000, and thereafter, in land at \$670,000, and thereafter, in order to pay unearned dividends, held a meeting among themselves and revalued, like true philosophers, the same hand, placing it at \$6,000,000, which made the books balance all right, showed that they were great managers, and that everything was lovely and sweet. After that to run up an indebtedness of \$5,000,000 was hardly to be called finance, it was that simple. All that had to be done was to go to the St. Louis Union Trust Company and a few other local favorites among banks and borrow money, and the easiest way being ob-viously the best, this way, of course,

done.

Well, to make the story longer, Mr. Robert Holmes, representing about a million dollars' worth of stock at par, began to take an interest in the affairs of the company, and succeeded in electing himself a director, and consenting to the election as a director of Mr. M. F. Watts, of the law firm of Watts, Gentry and Lee, whose services were engaged, it seems, through Holmes' life-long friendship with Mr. Edwin W. Lee of that firm.

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of lead and mining and practical management of business, is what is need a victory or vice versa, for no sooner, as we have perceived, was Mr. Watts elected to the Board than he became converted to the Board than he became converted to the point of view held by the inimical directors, and renounced Mr. Holmes entirely. This action of Mr. Watts' convinced us that whatever may hereinafter be said about him, that he was at least not a venal person, as many may be led to suppose. No, he was not that at all, rather we would say that he convinced us things, for is it not quite apparent that even his own director could not set things, for is it not quite apparent that even his own director could mone things his way, so soon as they were pointed out, and it was therefore necessary, as you plainly see, for Mr. Watts to renounce Mr. Holmes, especially as his financial interest lay in other directions.

Since that time, Mr. Holmes has spent his time in writing voluminous pamphlets about conditions in the St. Joseph Lead Company and sending them to the stockholders. If what these pamphlets contain is truth, their surely it is stranger than fiction, and also direter. As we have stated, finance is a very puzzling sort of thing to the direct mind, and we are not so much astounded at the waste and immorality and double-dealing and nepotism and general faithlessness to ideals of ordinary efficiency and common decency as revealed in these writings, but what most obsesses us all the way through was the sordid stupidity of it all, the lack of any comprehension of where it was leading. It seemed to be a case of a lot of men, whom one would have been led to expect were normally intelligent, wasting their opportunities in a most grievous manner. That a agreat property is being milked and deof men, whom one would have been led to expect were normally intelligent, wasting their opportunities in a most grievous manner. That a great property is being milked and destroyed through bond issues, or which absurd commissions were charged, legal fees for expressing a ridiculous opinion about something or other crooked coal bills, and throwing out of able and competent men and the substitution of brothers-in-law and stool stitution of brothers-in-law and stool

pigeons, seems to us not the most fat nous thing in connection with the att-uation. Rather to us, the waste of character, the waste of men, is the

character, the waste of men, is the tragedy.

For instance, after Mr. Holmes started his light and began to make things uncomforgable for the theap president of the contanty, Mr. Dwight A. Jones, that gentlaman processed to drop dead in the Nonday Ciub. Now what was the use of that? Mr. Jones had no logical object in doing what he did, and thereafter dropping dead. It was highly stupid. It would have been far better if he had lot the presidency of the St. Joseph Lead Company go to the devil, or to the right man, rather than to have nearly wrecked it and completely wrecked himself. But what we have never yet been able to understand is, suppose Jones succeeded in his object (taking it for granted that he had one) what then? Would he have been any better off? Couldn't he see through men any better than that? We will have to give that up. It doesn't get us unywhere.

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Well, to continue; with Jones out of the way, one should have thought that a real mining man would now be chos-en to look after the property, but, may, nay, that is not the way of financiers. To be president of the St. Joseph Lend To be president of the St. Joseph Lead Company, is a "good thing," although it killed Jonea, and so Mr. Clinton H. Crane, a ship chandler by profession, is made president. He may have been made president because he was a ship chandler, or because he had brown eyes, or there may have been other reason. Incidentally, he is a cousin by marriage of Mr. John Shepley, of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., although we are quite sure, or would be had not one of the directors remarked to Mr. Guido Panteleoni, also a remonstrating stockholder, that o a remonstrating stockholder, that so a remonstrating stockholder, that "the company was a family matter," and for him to "keep his nose out of it," that the relationship had nothing whatever to do with the matter. It is, though, in a sense mystify-ing to one holding the old-fashioned view that merit is rewarded, and that

the best man wins, to observe the St. Joseph Lead Company, the St. Louis Union Trust Company, et al and their

methods.
For instance, when the Trust Company decides that the security for cann to the St. Joe Company are not satisfactory, notwithstanding the mi-aculous increase in the value of the lards possessed by the company, and begins to get hungry for payments, and finally insists on a bonded debt being placed on the property, that the said bond issue is not sold in the open market, but is bid for exclusively and market, but is bid for exclusively and turned over to Smith, Mocre & Co., represented by that great financier. Mr. Jay Smith (who is a nephew of that astate ceilbate, Mr. Robert Brookings, who is a director of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, and whose partner, Mr. Moore, is the musband of the lady formerly known as Miss Fannie Wickham, who is a niece of Mr. Daniel Catlin, eminent tobacco magnate and director of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, and whose son, Mr. Daniel K. Catlin, represents the interests of the Trust Estates, holding stock in the St. Joseph Lead Company.

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a financial sense, is also fighting for the best interests of all the stockholdwell, to make the story longer, Mr. Robert Holmes, representing about a million dollars' worth of stock at par, began to take an interest in the affairs of the company, and succeeded in electing himself a director, and consenting to the election as a director of Mr. Mr. F. Watts, of the law firm of Watts, Gentry and Lee, whose services were engaged, it seems, through Holmes' life-long friendship with Mr. Edwin W. Lee of that firm.

Now this thing of a director of a corporation taking any interest in the affairs of the company was unconventional, almost immoral, and so Mr. Holmes found himself before he knew it, so to apeak, in the midst of a battle of words. He was, of course, in time, ousted as a director, Mr. Watts, custed as a director, Mr. Watts alligning himself with the enemy in approved fashion.

Now would you not, gentle reader, suppose that Mr. Holmes in electing his candidate, Mr. Watts, to the Board, would be entitled to feel that had won a victory? However, it is very difficult in financial circles to precisely ascertain when a victory is a victory or vice versa, for no sooner, as we have perceived, was Mr. Watts, elected to the Board than he became converted to the point of view held co ers of the Lead Company, and in a but when it comes to a matter of in-telligence, Holmes is better than all of them put together, because not be-ing in any immediate danger of pov-erty, he prefers to spend his life fighting for principles rather than struggling against his nature for more money when that commodity has ceased to be anything but a burden. A young man who has inherit-ed wealth must either struggle for ent wealth must either struggle for principles which he believes in, for more money (which reveals that he is a foel), or become a sex degenerate. We cannot help but feel that Mr. Holmes has shown rich young men what to do with their time, and how to get some fun out of life.— Much Ado.

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